

**2004 MASTER ANGLER ENTRY APPLICATION**

By authority of Part 487 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451,  
P. A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required to be eligible for Master Angler awards.

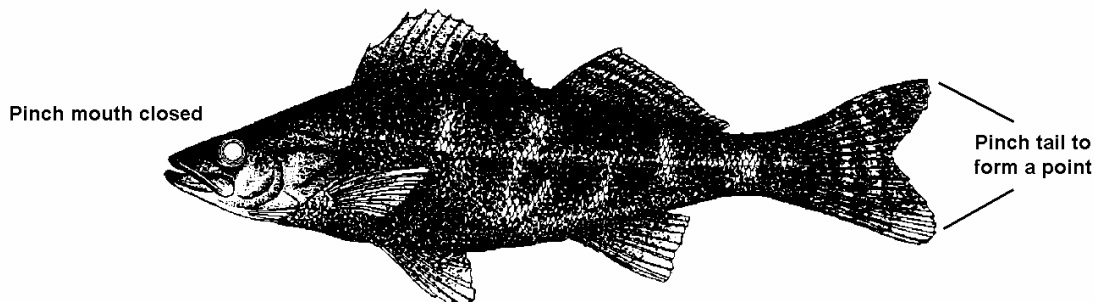
TYPE OF ENTRY: ☐ CATCH AND KEEP ☐ CATCH AND RELEASE (Do *not* have to be weighed)

Please Print All Information.

**\*\* ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 2005 \*\***

Name of Angler:			Species:		
Address:			Date Caught:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Area Code & Telephone Number:		
<b>CATCH DATA:</b>					
Name of Lake or Stream:		County:	Bait or Lure Used:		Time of Day:
<b>METHOD USED:</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Trolling <input type="checkbox"/> Baitcasting <input type="checkbox"/> Spincasting <input type="checkbox"/> Flycasting <input type="checkbox"/> Spear <input type="checkbox"/> Stillfishing <input type="checkbox"/> Driftfishing <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fishing					
<b>FISH STATISTICS:</b>					
Weight: lbs.      ozs.		Length: inches	Inspection Date of Scales		Inspector's Name
<b>WITNESSES</b>					
1. Length (for Catch and Release) or Weight:			2. Weight (second witness required for weight only):		
_____ Signature                      Date			_____ Signature                      Date		
_____ Angler's Signature			_____ Date		

**Length Measurement Directions:** Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line (DO NOT measure in a curve around body from nose to tail). Measure to closest 1/8 inch. Tail and Jaw should be pinched together.

**MASTER ANGLER AWARDS INFORMATION/RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES:**

1. All fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportfishing methods, during open season, and in **Waters of Michigan Open to the Public**.
2. **CLOSE-UP, CLEAR, SIDE-VIEW**, photograph of the entire fish, **MUST BE** submitted for identification IF the entry has not been identified by a DNR Fisheries Biologist. Please try to show the fins and tail in a spread out position, if possible. Color photograph preferred.
3. Entries for the previous calendar year must be received in the Fisheries Division Office **no later than JANUARY 10th**.
4. Fisheries Division reserves the right to reject any application if the entry does not meet the established criteria.
5. See Catch and Keep Entries or Catch and Release Entries (reverse side) for additional entry requirements.
6. Submit entry and photograph to: **FISHERIES DIVISION, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BOX 30446, LANSING MI 48909-7946** or the nearest DNR Office.

## MASTER ANGLER AWARDS INFORMATION/RULES (continued)

### FOR CATCH AND KEEP ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. Weigh fish on inspected scales (grocery stores, meat markets, etc.) and record the inspection date of the scale and, if possible, the inspector's name. (The owner of the scale should have a record slip of inspection date and inspector's name if this information cannot be located on the scale).
2. Obtain the signature of two witnesses verifying weight.
3. If the fish exceeds the listed State Record (see below), you **MUST CONTACT** a DNR Fisheries Biologist for positive identification and verification. To be certified as a State Record, the fish must be **FRESH** or **FRESH FROZEN**. Mounted fish will not be considered for a record. Entries should be kept frozen for at least two weeks past submission of application form in the event further identification is required.

### FOR CATCH AND RELEASE ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. It is not necessary to submit a weight for Catch and Release entries. However for Catch and Release entries you must have the signature of one witness to verify length.
2. Do not keep the fish out of the water any longer than you can hold your breath underwater. Entries received without proper identification (photo and/or biologist's signature will be returned).
3. Length measurements for Catch and Release fish should be made with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick. Measurements to be in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see **Length Measurement Directions**).

Handsome arm patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, in the case of Catch and Release, minimum lengths. Except that no more than one patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year. Master Angler Certificates, suitable for framing, are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or are one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch and Keep and Catch and Release category. There are two categories of entry; Catch and Keep and Catch and Release.

**Minimum Lengths apply to Catch and Release entries Only / Minimum Weights apply to Catch and Keep entries Only**

SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LGTH.	MIN. ENTRY WT.	STATE RECORD	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LGTH.	MIN. ENTRY WT.	STATE RECORD	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LGTH.	MIN. ENTRY WT.	STATE RECORD
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7	Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6.24	Splake	25"	6-0	17-7
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15	Freshwater Drum	21"	7-0	26-0	Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10	Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4	Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7	Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0	Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12	Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0	Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	-----	Musky, Great Lks.	42"	20-0	48-0	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	0-12	1-5
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	32-10	Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12	Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	1-15.5
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7	Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3	Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10	Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0	Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	34-9.9
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6	Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14	Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	61-8
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0	Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12	Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4	Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10	Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8* 45-0**	Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1	Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6
Carpsucker	19"	3-0	8-0	Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9	Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0	Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9	Whitefish, Menominee	15"	1-0	4-0
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8	Sauger	21"	5-0	6-9				
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2	Smelt***	10"	None	12.0"				

\*State Record Carp; \*\*Largest Hook and Line Caught Carp; \*\*\*The minimum entry requirement for Smelt is 10" for both Catch and Keep and Catch and Release entries. The Smelt State Record is recognized by length rather than weight.

### FOR DNR USE ONLY

Fish Identified From (See Rule No. 2 on reverse side):

☐ Actual Specimen

☐ Photograph

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Fish Identifier's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
DNR Fisheries Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***This catch is accepted and officially entered in the 2004 Michigan Master Angler Program***

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Fisheries Representative's Signature

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Date